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Virginia Marylandia et Carolina In America Septentrionali Britannorum industria exculpta repraesentate

Stock#: 100142
Map Maker: Homann
Date: 1720
Place: Nuremberg
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG
Size: 22.5 x 19.5 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Informing Prospective German Immigrants in the Early 18th Century

Nice example of JB Homann's map of the British Colonies in Virginia, Maryland, the Carolinas, southern New York and Pennsylvania and New Jersey, a time of considerable immigrant interest among the German speaking parts of Europe.

The map's cartouche speaks to the rich prospects for immigration, with images of friendly prosperous Native Americans and robust commerce, fishing, and farming opportunities.

Homann's map was published at a period at the beginning of the 18th Century where the German public was increasingly interested in the British Colonies in North America. In the last quarter of the 18th Century, the first significant group of Germans came to the colonies, mostly settling in Pennsylvania and New York. In 1709, there was a large wave of immigration from the Palatinate region of Germany. Soon thereafter, a number of different groups of Germans arrived in the Southeast and settled in Virginia, North Carolina and Georgia, with others settling in New England. Majority of these settlers were small German-speaking religious groups, including Swiss Mennonites, Baptist Dunkers, Schwenkfelders, Moravians, Amish, and Waldensians; most German immigrants belonged to the main Lutheran and Reformed churches. The middle colonies received the greatest part of this immigration. As many as half of these immigrants came as redemptioners, who agreed to work in America for four to seven years in exchange for free passage across the Atlantic.



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Homann's map is one of the most decorative maps of the area, intended to promote German immigration to America. Germantown Teutsche Statt is placed at the headwaters of the Rappahannock. A number of early counties are shown in the Carolinas. Nice detail in the interior of Virginia and Maryland for the period. New Jersey is divided into East and West New Jersey.

The region in the west is Florida, extending to a curiously shaped and oversized Lake Erie.

Shows Indian tribes and place names, rivers, bays, coastal soundings, early settlements, and other details.

Embellished by one of the most decorative cartouches to appear on a map of the region, showing figures from regional history and local trade with the English. The Atlantic is Mare Virgini [or] Sea of Virginy.

Detailed Condition: